Spool Knit a Garter Snake

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Kit contains:

- cardboard tube
- 5 craft sticks
- snake head template
- yarn

You will need: tape, glue, scissors, and coloring supplies

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INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Build your knitting spool. Tape the 5 craft sticks to the cardboard tube at roughly equal intervals. (It helps to have a buddy.)

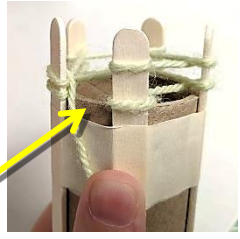
Step 2. Spool knit a snake body! This part looks really, really complicated in writing, so here is a video tutorial instead:

https://tinyurl.com/ykn38jsw

These are some extra pictures for reference:

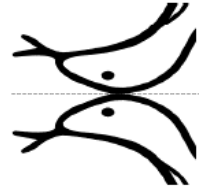
← Top view of loops. Always loop in the same direction.

Close-up view of stick with two rows of loops. Lift the bottom loop over the top and off the stick. One loop remains.



This process results in snakey-looking knitting.

Step 3. Snakify! Fold the snake head template in half along the line, then cut out. Color. Glue the snake halves together with one end of the knit body sandwiched in the middle.



MORE ABOUT GARTER SNAKES

Garter snakes (*Thamnophis*) are our reptile neighbors that live throughout much of North America. Our area has its own subspecies, the Chicago Garter Snake (pictured below). Species vary in color, but they tend to have light stripes that run the length of their dark bodies. Common garter snakes have thin bodies that can grow to 46 to 137 centimeters in length.

While most snakes tend to be loners, garter snakes have buddies and prefer to live with their groups of friends. Awww!

http://www.biokids.umich.edu/critters/Thamnophis_sirtalis/

https://www.science.org/content/article/garter-snakes-are-surprisingly-social-forming-friendships-fellow-serpents